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"Top Chef's" Tom Colicchio

to Keynote Hopelink Luncheon

Master Chef, television personality and philanthropist Tom Colicchio will be the keynote speaker at Hopelink's 16th annual Reaching Out Benefit Luncheon, Monday October 17th at Bellevue's Meydenbauer Center.

Winner of the James Beard Foundation's coveted "Outstanding Chef" award, Tom Colicchio is a 30-year veteran of the restaurant industry. The New Jersey native has three cookbooks and more than a dozen restaurants to his credit, but Colicchio may be best known for his role as head judge on Bravo TV's hit reality cooking series "Top Chef."

Colicchio spent his childhood immersed in food, cooking with his mother and grandmother. It was his father, however, who suggested he make a career of it. After teaching himself how to cook, Colicchio made his kitchen debut at age 17 at Evelyn's Seafood Restaurant in Elizabeth, New Jersey. In July 1994, Colicchio and business partner Danny Meyer opened Gramercy Tavern in Manhattan. He opened his first *wichcraft* – a sandwich shop – in New York City in 2003.

Colicchio and his restaurants have a history of giving back to the community, including generous support for programs that help hungry families. He serves on the Food Council of City Harvest – the world's first food rescue organization – which helps feed more than 300,000 hungry New Yorkers every week. Colicchio also is a member of the Culinary Council of The Food Bank for New York City. Shortly after the September 11 attacks, he joined a volunteer army serving food to rescue workers at Ground Zero.

**For information on the luncheon,
go to www.hope-link.org/lunch**



Getting Back

After a bumpy few years, the Brown Family finds Hopelink and a promising new future



Katie Brown

"We've always been the kind of people who took care of ourselves," Kelly says. "We were both raised to work hard and pay our own way."

For John and Kelly Brown, an untimely combination of illness, a weakened economy and family crises changed all of that. The past few years have been clouded by a seemingly endless series of bumps in the road.

Kelly grew up in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, where her dad worked for AT&T and her mom owned a health food restaurant and store. Helping out at the restaurant ignited an interest in healthy living, and Kelly developed a passion for nutrition and fitness.

She worked as a waitress while attending community college, studying at night, but her interest in physical fitness and health never waned, and soon she landed a job as a fitness instructor at Bali Fitness in Fort Lauderdale, FL. That's where Kelly met her soon-to-be husband John, who was on a break from the ministry.

John is a Michigan native who learned the value of hard work from his engineer father and resilient mother. His mom had dropped out of school in the ninth grade—following her father's death—to help raise her 11 brothers and sisters. At age 40, she got her GED and went on to earn a nursing degree at 43.

John has a master's degree in theology and is two courses away from earning a doctorate. He is a talented writer who is working on a number of short stories in his spare time and is contemplating a novel.

The couple married in 1989, and John got a job delivering medical equipment. They stayed in Florida for awhile, living in a little house on the beach. A year later, Kelly gave birth to what they call their "miracle baby." Little Kelly had a stroke 3 days after she was born, and was diagnosed with a number of medical issues. "The doctors told us she would never grow into a healthy, fully functioning adult," Kelly said, "but we never gave up hope." Today, daughter Kelly is a vibrant 19-year-old.

The young family started "planting churches" in different parts of the country; traveling and relocating in their mission to begin new, local Christian churches. Daughter Katie was born in 1997.

In 2004, the Browns moved to Seattle from Michigan, where both soon landed jobs with Verizon Wireless. John was a rising star in sales, on track toward a \$100,000 annual salary, and the family settled into a comfortable life in Woodinville.

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John and Kelly Brown

Kelly says it was a wonderful place to live. "Life was good then," she said. "We were by Lake Leota and the kids could walk to school. We had sky lights and beautiful landscaping and the neighbors were all so nice."

But then out of the blue, John was diagnosed with an aggressive form of kidney cancer. Successful surgery and a tenacious commitment to getting better had him back at work within a matter of weeks. Within days, however, he was let go from Verizon, and was again forced back into the job market.

Meanwhile, Kelly had been trying to ignore a nagging leg pain that had started before the family moved to Seattle. While working for Verizon and covered by health insurance, she discovered the source of the pain: a nearly deteriorated hip, tilted, and with very little cartilage.

The recommended hip replacement was put on hold while John recovered from cancer, and then again when money got really tight. Kelly was limping around with a cane while working up to 40 hours per week when Verizon promoted her from a part-time contract to full-time work. Finally she was able to undergo hip replacement surgery.

One particularly dark day, Kelly's steadfast faith began to crack. She was sitting in her car in a parking lot when she broke down in tears. The always optimistic Kelly was feeling lost, and hopeless, and scared. She sat there quietly for awhile, until she gathered her courage and dialed 2-1-1, the community information line. And for the first time in her life, Kelly asked for help.

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Back in Michigan to recover while John looked for work, Kelly began to wonder whether her life would ever get back on track. The ups and downs of trying to make ends meet and keep her family together had taken a toll, but the Browns never stopped believing that better days were ahead. John was working nights for \$9 an hour when they decided to give Seattle another go. More jobs and training opportunities followed, but nothing seemed to stick.

“We would get hired and go through a training program and then find out the company had decided it couldn't afford any new staff,” Kelly said. “It was very frustrating.”

Kelly and John and daughter Katie moved back to the Northwest with a few hundred dollars in the bank; that money was soon spent. They fell behind on rent, and John's sister twice helped them stay in their sparsely decorated apartment. Everything they owned was in storage in Michigan. Eventually, the Browns were evicted and found themselves essentially homeless, living in a friend's basement in North Bend. Then the family moved again, into a hotel.

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She was referred to Hopelink and enrolled in the Family Development Program, where Case Manager Kimberly Beck began working with the Browns to help them get back on track. Hopelink was able to pay their back rent, to keep them from getting evicted again, and they made use of the Redmond food bank. Kimberly eventually also helped them find a new apartment in Issaquah.

Both Kelly and John took financial literacy classes and qualified for a checking account through Express Credit Union, as well as the credit union's vehicle ownership program. Kimberly has worked with the couple to set goals and make long-term plans, and they have been eager participants.

Active in the Hopelink Employment Program, Kelly has also taken a number of computer classes to update

her skills. And Hopelink was able to hook them up with used work clothing, free haircuts and gas vouchers, and even a Christmas tree.

Last year, John was hired by a temp agency on a one-year contract. He has made a name for himself in his new job, consistently finishing in the top three out of 180 in production. John's contract is slated to end in May, but he is optimistic it will be extended for another year.

Kelly is back on her feet as well. In early February, she landed a job as a greeter/receptionist for Barrier Motors in Bellevue.

The biggest challenge the Browns face now is a happy one: trying to stretch one car to cover two jobs in two different cities, while commuting home to yet a third location. Buying an affordable second car is high on their agenda, and they are also working with a landlord liaison to find an apartment in Redmond, where the family used to live.

Kelly says Hopelink Case Manager Kimberly Beck has been their biggest cheerleader during the darkest days. “She's always telling me, ‘you're doing great, Kelly... you're really making progress.’ Sometimes it really doesn't feel that way, so it helps a lot to have that outside perspective.”

As with most parents, that hardest thing for the Browns has been feeling they couldn't provide much for their kids. Daughter Kelly lives in Marysville, and 13-year-old Katie is an active and accomplished teenager. They are a close-knit family who enjoy movies they borrow from the library—especially science fiction—and walking on the local trails. With money so tight, they have become experts at finding free things to do together.

Going through such tough times hasn't dampened the Brown's spirit. They have always felt blessed and fortunate; they are able to appreciate such simple things as running water and having a roof over their heads. The perennially positive Kelly is fond of the expression, “failure is simply a detour on the road to success.”


Thanks to John and Kelly's commitment to getting back on their feet, the Browns are well on their way.



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END SUMMER HUNGER

A Hopelink campaign to feed local kids
Presented by  Expedia

Hopelink Launches Campaign to End Summer Hunger For Kids

This month, Hopelink begins its annual campaign to support the increasing demand at our food banks during the summer when free or reduced-fee breakfast and lunch programs for children at schools are on hiatus.

End Summer Hunger is Hopelink's grassroots campaign that gathers the support of the local community in the form of local businesses, organizations, schools and individuals to help provide low-income families with food for kids who receive free and reduced-fee breakfasts and lunches during the school year. The End Summer Hunger fund-raising drive runs from April through August; donations received go to offset increasing need at Hopelink's five emergency service centers in north and east King County.

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Children who receive free or reduced fee meals at school come from families who struggle to provide basic necessities. The loss of this school-based nutritious food program presents an immense challenge to parents who are already squeezing every penny out of their budgets. In addition to budgeting to replace meals they must also find ways to pay for daycare for the summer since for many families both parents work. These stresses create added pressure for families to be able to pay rent or their mortgage, threatening them with becoming homeless.

Supporting the Community

“With the support of businesses, schools and individuals, Hopelink works very hard to find direct, effective ways to fight poverty in our area,” said Marilyn Mason-Plunkett, President and CEO of Hopelink. “End Summer Hunger is an important tool for helping to feed the more than 11,000 children in north and east King County who would ordinarily go hungry during the summer. Furthermore, End Summer Hunger relieves the parents’ extra financial burden of providing those summertime meals, which in turn contributes to their families’ financial stability.”

Opportunities to Help

Part of the program focus is on “kids helping kids.” This is a way to show that students can make a difference when their spare change is added together. The idea of helping not only those others in the community – but those in their own school – to have enough to eat during the summer can empower students and teach them the importance of philanthropy. Another essential component of the End Summer Hunger Campaign is the support of businesses. Last year, more than 60 local businesses helped raise donations of money and food that affected hundreds of families. To donate, simply go to www.hope-link.org and click on the *Donate Now* link.

If your business would like to support End Summer Hunger by hosting a fund and food drive, or by making a corporate contribution, **please contact Jason Puz at 425.869.7835 or jpuz@hope-link.org.**

Local schools, businesses, churches, and community groups can also support the program by conducting fund drives. Hopelink will provide all materials. **Please contact Eric Thom at 425.558.5910 or ethom@hope-link.org.**

How Many Kids Are Receiving Free and Reduced Meals Today?

School Districts	Enrollment	Free	Reduced	Applications	Appl/Enroll
Bellevue School District	18,284	3,095	882	3,977	22%
Lake Washington School District	22,758	2,670	784	3,454	15%
Northshore School District	19,320	2,384	707	3,091	16%
Shoreline School District	8,708	1,767	497	2,264	26%
Issaquah School District	17,122	1,221	363	1,584	9%
Snoqualmie Valley School District	6,383	675	240	915	14%
Riverview School District	3,309	446	117	563	17%
Mercer Island School District	2,820	68	33	101	4%
Hopelink Service area	98,704	12,326	3,623	15,949	13%
King County	258,074	74,241	17,407	91,648	35%
Washington State	1,027,338	373,349	78,727	452,076	44%

Together, we can
End Summer Hunger.

President/CEO's Desk

Marilyn Mason-Plunkett



In the midst of the worst U.S. recession since the Great Depression, Gov. Chris Gregoire's warning in December 2010 that state lawmakers might have to cut as much as a third of discretionary spending in the state budget came as quite a shock. This would be the third recent large cut to the state budget, and will most likely have significant and lasting negative effects on

social and human services in our state, hurting many of the most vulnerable among us.

The news didn't get any better on the federal front, with President Obama's announcement in mid-February that he wants to cut support for the Community Services Block Grant [CSBG] program by a devastating 50 percent.

Created in 1974, the CSBG program provides federal funding to states and local communities to alleviate poverty, revitalize communities and empower low-income families to become fully self-supporting through a network of public and non-profit agencies that addresses local problems in local communities.

The CSBG program is unique in that it is the only federal investment exclusively focused on reducing poverty. And Community Action Agencies such as Hopelink leverage each CSBG dollar they are granted to help families get back on their feet and move away from the need for social services.

A number of Hopelink programs would be particularly hard hit. The proposed cuts would hurt many in our community who are most in need—those who rely on our food banks, live in emergency or transitional housing, and those who turn to family development and our emergency services programs to help them weather an economic storm.

Last year, 6,600 families were helped through our five food banks, up 12 percent from the previous year, and rising sharply (47 percent) over the last three years during this "great recession." As demand continues to grow, additional funding cuts will make it much more difficult to serve our increasingly crowded food banks.

Cutting CSBG funding also would mean that fewer families would be able to keep a roof over their heads while they're getting back on their feet. Last year, Hopelink's Housing Program turned away a record number—more

than 1,000 families seeking shelter; and as I write this, we have a long list of families in need of housing.

The Family Development Program is another hallmark of what we do best, and one that would be severely hurt by these cuts. Hopelink case managers have demonstrated solid success in working individually with families to support them as they work to identify and focus on their goals, then provide ongoing support as they take concrete steps toward self sufficiency.

Finally, our Emergency Services Programs are some of the best examples of the way Hopelink is able to use and leverage CSBG funds to respond to urgent and changing needs. Last year, more than 6,500 families received emergency financial assistance that enabled them to stay in their homes, paid their first month's rent while they looked for work, or kept them from going hungry. We know firsthand that this funding can prevent a family from falling so far through the cracks that they become

“ Since 1971, Hopelink programs have been on the front lines of the communities we serve. Countless success stories have proven that – with the appropriate assistance at a crucial time – families can, and will, move toward self-sufficiency.

homeless, or descend into even deeper problems that make it much harder for them to move past their crises.

We know that our programs work and that the success of our clients makes our entire community stronger and healthier.

These threats to our federal CSBG funding are real. What we know for sure is that now is the time for us to act on behalf of the many families in crisis who count on us when they need it most. Now is the time to write letters, make phone calls and send e-mails to the president and your federal elected officials. Tell them that we can't afford to turn back the clock to a time when even more families in need were turned away. The successes we see every day at Hopelink would not be possible without the ongoing support of so many in our community who heed the call for help. Please join with us as we fight to preserve this important funding.

Thank you.

Integrating Services Leads to Lasting Success

In the 40 years since the Northshore Job Referral Service cobbled together a few desks and chairs in Bothell City Hall and started hustling jobs for unemployed workers, the demand for social services has continued to expand. So, too, has availability – thanks in large part to Hopelink’s ability to grow and change with the times.

Social services were a fledgling commodity in the early 1970s. The post-World War II economic boom had been good for jobs in the Puget Sound region, and the future looked bright in 1967, when Boeing employment

also needed other services. Hopelink also realized there was efficiency in coordinating services for those with multiple needs, and that weaving a tighter safety net would go a long way toward helping families in crisis achieve long-term self-sufficiency.

For those who had never before asked for help, finding their way through a maze of social service options could be a daunting task. But the principle that those in need be able to “enter through any door” is paramount at Hopelink. An initial interview may

reveal that a food bank client also qualifies for housing assistance, or has transportation needs. And an energy assistance client who was recently laid off may be interested in the jobs program or computer literacy courses. If someone needs financial assistance, helping them create a budget may be a natural add-on.

The referral process is an informal one, and is particularly beneficial for clients who find themselves in need of social services for the first time ever. Asking for help is never easy, but meeting with a Hopelink staff member who can quickly assess – and address – a variety of needs is both reassuring and productive.

Although each of Hopelink’s five service centers is a reflection of the unique community it serves, each is guided by the same commitment to excellence, standardized and measurable goals, and performance management. This staff-side cross-training ensures

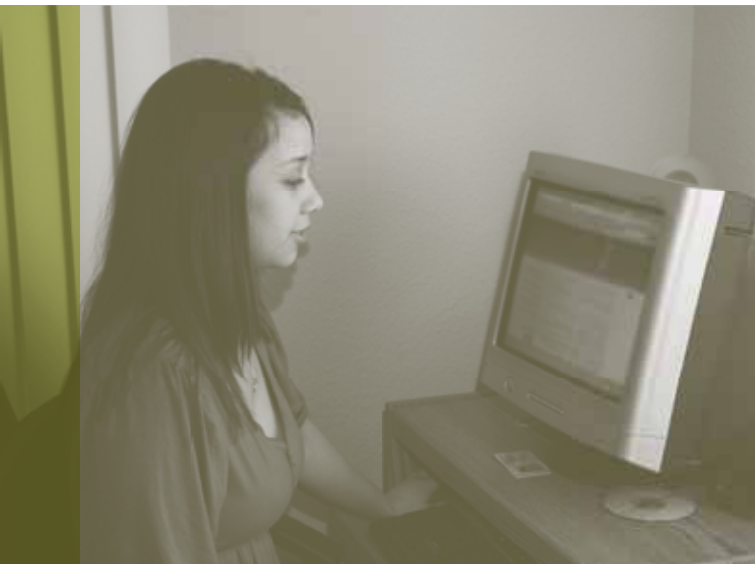
that everyone who comes in contact with clients at any of our centers will have a first-hand knowledge of what is available.

Over the years, many families in crisis who turned to Hopelink for food and shelter and help staying warm in winter have come out the other side with new skills, steady employment and financial empowerment. It is that integration of services that leads to greater – and lasting – success for everyone.

peaked at 101,000 workers. The economic downturn that began later that year changed everything.

Suddenly people who had always been able to pay their bills and put food on the table needed help. They needed jobs, and they needed groceries, and they needed rides to medical appointments. Hopelink was there to help.

Over time, the organization that began as an informal job bank realized that many who needed one service



Hopelink ESL Class Inspires Local Women to Start a Business

Natalya Rachkova and Lucia CaldWell were fresh out of beauty school and looking for help finding work when they joined Hopelink's English as a Second Language Jobs class in Kirkland. Students in the employment-focused English classes learn how to write resumes, fill out applications, practice interviewing skills, and get up to speed on the American work culture – with an ultimate goal of finding jobs or advancing their careers.

The two women immersed themselves in the coursework, learning everything they could about how to land the perfect job at a salon or spa. Meanwhile, they dreamed about a future doing the work they loved. That's when inspiration struck.

Ambition met opportunity in the advice of Hopelink volunteer Paul Hirz, who suggested that Lucia and Natalya think about opening their own business. It seemed a huge leap from practicing English to opening a shop of their own, but the women had gained confidence along with practical skills and were eager to take on the challenge.

After months of searching, Lucia and Natalya found the perfect spot for their new shop – Luna Spa – and moved into Redmond Town Center in August 2010. Located in the Studio Nails store on the second level, the business offers a variety of services, including makeup lessons, brow and eyelash tinting, massage, skin care, and waxing. The women specialize in custom facials and promise total relaxation with their unique massage technique.

The journey from needing a little help to finding solid ground can be exciting and a little scary, but for Lucia and Natalya, taking the first step – coupled with hard work and the drive to succeed – was the ticket to a new beginning and a new business.

www.luna-day-spa.com



Natalya Rachkova

Since 1971, Hopelink has served homeless and low-income families, children, seniors and people with disabilities in north and east King County by promoting self-sufficiency for all members of our community and helping people make lasting change. Hopelink assists people with meeting their needs for food, shelter, homelessness prevention, family development and stabilization, transportation and adult literacy skills.

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Helping Hopelink

Other ways to make your gifts to Hopelink grow

Did you know that each year non profits including Hopelink get less money than they otherwise might? That's because donors don't ask their employer if they match charitable giving.

If you work for a corporation that matches charitable donations (you can see a partial list at www.hope-link.org) and make an already tax-deductable gift to Hopelink, your company may double your giving!

It's an easy way to increase your giving – for free! You'll increase the value of your gift simply by participating in the matching program, and will be recognized at that increased giving level by Hopelink.

While 1:1 matches are the most common, matching gifts can be of a variety of ratios, including 0.5:1 (the matching company giving \$50 for every \$100 given by the donor) and 3:1 (the matching company giving \$300 for every \$100 given by the donor).

Some matching gift corporations also offer matching gift programs to the spouses of their company employees and retirees from their companies. Some (including Microsoft) match employee volunteer hours with cash! So don't leave their money on the table.

Ask your HR department if your company has a matching gifts program. If they do fill out the paperwork – many times online – and send it to Hopelink today:

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This is the first installment in a four-part series on Hopelink's first forty years. In this issue, we look back at our initial decade of service: the 1970s.

the 1970s

The 1970s gave birth to a lot of things we take for granted today

Pocket calculators, video games, disposable razors, Post-It Notes, Starbucks and ultrasound. Bill Gates and Paul Allen started Microsoft, and ESPN began broadcasting sports 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Before gas lines and disco music, one dollar would garner a box of Cornflakes, a gallon of gas, and five first class stamps.

A new house purchased for \$23,000 in 1970 sold for \$58,000 a decade later. During the same time, average income grew from \$9,350 to \$17,550. Meanwhile, the price of a McDonald's hamburger followed a less predictable path: from 55 cents in 1972, to 30 cents in 1974, and 38 cents in 1979.

Washington's social service programs step up protection for the most vulnerable during the 1970s

Washington created the state Department of Social and Health Services in 1970 as a way of unifying the social and health services that were being provided by a number of state agencies. In 1974, the federal government took on more responsibility for helping people in need by creating the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, which provides monthly checks to people who are unable to work because of age or disability.

Two years later, Washington became the first state in the nation to devote state dollars to home-based services for the elderly, and the state Legislature passed the Senior Citizens Services Act to help people remain independent in their own homes for as long as possible. In 1979, Washington began a complaint reporting system for nursing home abuse and created a process for investigating complaints within 24 hours.

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Hopelink grows out of local need

Hopelink began in the 70s as well, as a neighbor-to-neighbor program in Bothell called the Northshore Job Referral Service. Spurred by the Boeing bust, the new organization offered job search assistance for those hard hit by central Puget Sound's double-digit unemployment rate.

By August 1971, the agency had a structured board of directors and plans to offer a range of services to unemployed area residents and their families. In October 1971, the group received a grant, changed its name to Northshore Multi Service Center, moved to Woodinville, and opened a food bank. The organization also began offering rides to medical appointments for elderly, disabled and low-income residents.

The service center temporarily occupied office space in the rear of the Woodgate Shopping Center, then moved across the street to the old Woodinville Annex. In 1978 the agency moved into a new building constructed in Bothell. Hopelink's administration remained there until moving into quarters in the Family Resource Center in Redmond in 1992. Hopelink continued to provide client services for more than 30 years at this site, until the building was closed as part of the Bothell downtown renovation project in 2009.

Calendar of Events

Friday, May 6

Career & Education Fair

9:30AM–3:00PM

Presented by Hopelink and the City of Bellevue. Representatives from local employers and colleges will provide information on career opportunities, education and training programs and more. Registration required; event open to the public. Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St. Bellevue.

www.hope-link.org/fair

July 13-17

Red-Spoke 2011

Redmond Rotary's annual "Cadillac of bicycling tours" promises a fun, scenic ride – and the opportunity to raise money for Hopelink. Red-Spoke is a 5-day, 300-mile ride from Redmond to Spokane that raises funds for a number of charities including Hopelink. Participants ride at their own pace with a goal of enjoying the journey.

Info at www.redspoke.org

Saturday, June 11

Pets and the People that Love Them

11:00AM–1:00PM

Riverside East Retirement and Assisted Living will host their 4th Annual "Pets and the People that Love Them." This fun event is for pets and their human companions of all ages. Event features complimentary Hot Dog lunch and Doggie Snack Bar, local pet vendors, pet competitions and prizes. Donations of pet food and supplies will be collected for Hopelink Food Bank to help those facing challenging times caring for their family pets.

**Riverside East Retirement and Assisted Living,
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Bothell, WA. 425.481.1976**



Hopelink Annual Report Available Online

To save a little money and a lot of trees, Hopelink has gone digital only for our 2010 Annual Report.

Go online to www.hope-link.org/ar to read about our progress in a year of fighting poverty.

Hopelink Sets Volunteer Recognition Events

Last year, 1,700 volunteers donated more than 63,000 hours of service to Hopelink programs: teaching classes, working in food banks and helping clients navigate the path to self-sufficiency. Our volunteers are essential to our mission, and their ongoing commitment continues to inspire our work.



During May, Hopelink will host events at each of our five centers to celebrate our volunteers with food, fun, and prizes.

Volunteers may attend any one of the events listed. Invitations will be sent in April.

Sno-Valley Center

Tuesday, May 3, 2011,
11:00AM–12:30PM

Kirkland/Northshore Center

Wednesday, May 4, 2011, 6:30–8:00 PM
Friday, May 6, 2011, 1:30–3:00PM

Redmond Center

Thursday, May 5, 2011, 1:30–3:00PM
Rainier Room (Together Center)

Shoreline

Tuesday, May 10, 2011,
12–1:30PM

Bellevue

Wednesday, May 11, 2011,
1:30–3:00PM

**For more information, contact Sheila Sloan-Evans
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